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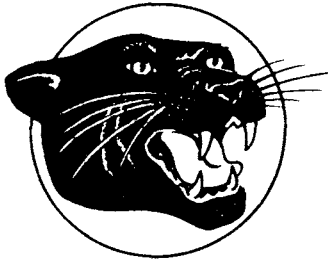
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CHARLESTON, IL--Kathy Lanter (Georgetown) has been an integral part of the success the Eastern Illinois University women's basketball team has had this season.

The 5-7 junior forward has started every game for coach Barbara "Bobbie" Hilke and is a leader of the EIU swing offense. The Panthers are 19-10 winning five of the last seven and seeded first in this weekend's (March 4-6) AIAW II State Championship at Lewis University.

Through 29 games Lanter has averaged near 12.5 points, three rebounds and five assists. She has been the third leading scorer all season behind Toni Collins (Lincoln-Jamaica-Sidell) and Nancy Kassebaum (Belleville-East). Lanter leads EIU at the free throw line hitting 73%.

"She is a very smart player," said Hilke. "She earns her points so smoothly that I am very pleased when I am told how many she got after a particular game . . . it doesn't seem that she is getting that many. She has really improved considering she saw action in just one game her freshman year and contributed one assist.

"Eastern is close to home," said Lanter. "I thought I could play here and eventually start.

"I would like to make All-State before I graduate. That is one of the goals I set for myself here.

"I don't feel any pressure at all," she said. "I always look for an opening in a zone to pass, but I like to drive the baseline when I can." Lanter has scored in double figures 15 of the last 17 games.

A physical education major, she is a 1979 graduate of Georgetown High School and played for coach Nancy Bandy at both the guard and forward position. She is the daughter of Jerry and Margaret Lanter of Georgetown.